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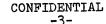
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Single career NCO's had the option of either living in the bachelor billets, which housed both them and the single officers, or they could draw 60 crowns a month for rental allowances and rent quarters in town. Some of the career NCO's rented rooms in private homes. The air force authorities did not help in locating such rooms. They had to be secured by the individual. There were no private family quarters for career NCO's at the Brno-Slatina airbase. All of the married career NCO personnel lived in private houses in nearby communities.

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the married career NCO's and officers received higher quarter allowances than bachelor officers and career NCO's, as well as an additional allowance for children

12. Career NCO's ate in the officers' mess halls.

At Brno-Slatina airbase career NCO's were expected to be present at their duty posts from 0730 to 1430 hours daily, except Sunday.

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14. In addition to having Sunday off, career NCO's were entitled to one other day off every two weeks. Their total annual leave was 21 days; the same as for officers. Compulsory service EM received no leaves, except in the case of serious illness or death in their immediate family.

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- 16. Career NCO's did not have to participate in drills. However, they had to attend political indoctrination lectures about twice weekly. Such lectures were conducted separately for the career NCO's and compulsory-service EM.
- 17. After duty hours, career NCO's were permitted to wear civilian clothes, if they so desired. They were told not to associate with compulsory-service EM in order to keep up their prestige. This point was stressed by the instructors at various classes and meetings.
- 18. It was against the regulations at all air force bases and schools for men to take alcoholic beverages to the barracks. This was applicable to both career NCO's and compulsory-service EM.

However, beer was sold at the canteen.

that a career NCO reported for work in an intoxicated condition, he was usually told to lie down for a few hours, and then return to duty. No disciplinary action was taken.

Uniforms

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19. Career NCO uniforms were identical with those of career air force officers in style, material, and color. Both included garrison caps and Sam Browne belts with a plain buckle, and both classes were issued pistols. The only difference was in rank insignia.

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- 20. By contrast, all compulsory service EM, including NCO's, wore field caps, belts with an embossed Czech lion on a brass buckle and were issued the 9-mm. CZ SMG. (The sole exception was that all crew chiefs, regardless of whether they were career airmen or draftees, were issued pistols.)
- 21. Career NCO's wore plain light blue collar flashes on their service coat lapels. Officers wore insignia known as the "Czech battle hammers" on their flashes. The compulsory service EM did not wear any collar flashes.
- 22. There were no other special insignia, such as "hash marks" or stripes, to show that an individual was a career NCO.
- 23. Officers and career NCO's in the air force were issued leather overcoats. Some coats were prown, others, light blue. These leather overcoats had shoulder loops, over which the shoulderboards with the insignia of rank were attached, and removable flannel linings for cold weather wear. The brown leather overcoats were permitted to be worn with civilian clothes, but the shoulderboards had to be removed.

24. force career NCO's:

| Quantity | <u>Item</u> | Color | <u>Material</u> | Remarks |
|----------|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---|
| 1 | Overcoat | Blue | Wool | New one issued every three years. |
| 1 | Topeoat | Blue | Gabardine | New one issued every three years. |
| 1 | Raincoat | Green | Oilskin | Basis of issue unknown |
| 1 | Overcoat | Blue | Coarse wool | A work overcoat of same design as issued to compulsory EM for dress and service wear. |
| 1 | Overcoat | Light blue or brown | Goat skin | This overcoat had a removable flannel lining. |
| 1 | Garrison cap | Blue | Gabardine | New one issued every two years. |
| 1 | Blouse, uniform, dress | Blue | Gabardine | New one issued every two years. |
| 1 pr. | Trousers, uniform, dress | Blue | Gabardine | New ones issued every two years. |
| 1 pr. | Trousers, work | Blue | Coarse wool | Issued as a work uniform. Of same design as those issued to compulsory-service EM. |
| 1 (| Sam Browne Belt | Brown | Leather | Basis of issue unknown. |
| 4 | Shirts | Light blue | Cotton | Four issued every year. |

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| Quantit: | y <u>Item</u> | Color | <u>Material</u> | Remarks |
| 2 | Ties | Black | Cotton | New one issued every year. |
| 5 | Handkerchiefs | White | Cotton | Five issued every year. |
| Unknown | Drawers | White | Cotton | Basis of issue unknown (undershirts not worn). |
| 5 pr. | Socks | Blue | Nylon | Five pairs issued every year. |
| 2 pr. | Shoes | Black | Leather | Two pairs issued every year. Two extra pairs of half soles were also issued every year; however, the career NCO's had |
| | | | | to pay for the resoling of their shoes, while shoe repair for compulsory-service EM was done free through unit supply. |
| pr. | Service shoes | Black | Leather | Issued for work. Unit propert |
| • | Towels | White | Cotton | New ones issued every year. |
| pr. | Gloves, dress | Blue | Flannel | New pair issued every two years |
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| Ident | tification Cards | | : | |
| 25. | Career airmen were centimeters, made o was generally refer (Annex A). It was | red to as | a "prukazk | oproximately six by nine stiff paper. The document as (identification) card the airmen usually kept cover to keep it in a neat |
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whenever a member of the armed lorges desired to pay a visit to someone stationed at a Czecheslovak airbase or military installation other than his own, he had to make a request to the gate guardhouse, the name of the visitor was registered and a runner (spojka) accompanied him to contact the desired individual. The runner remained near the visitor and escorted him back to the gate upon completion of his business.

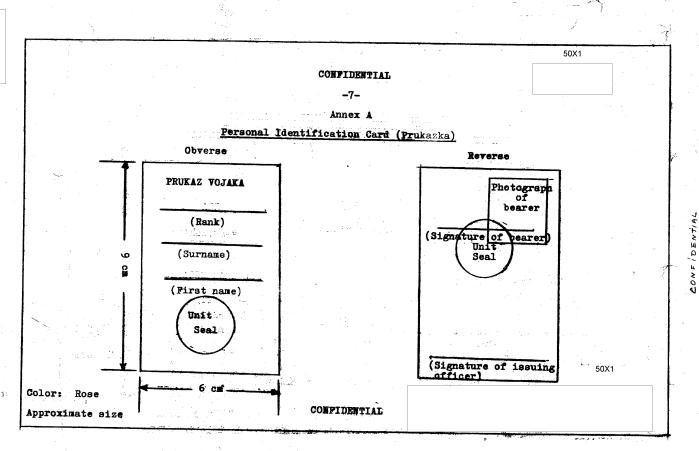
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| 50X1 | in his regimental years of career s | nad already completed a minimum of service. | two to three |
| Fema | le Career NCO's | | |
| 30. | one sergeant firs | there were 10 female career Nost class and nine sergeants. The | sergeant first |
| | sergeants, five was medical assista a meteorologist. | prologist with two years of service were telephone operators, two were ant at the regimental first aid standard of the sergeants had from two | clerks, one wa ation and one w |
| | of service. | | |
| 31. | After basic train | ne Czechoslovak military service wo ning and some specialized course of the rating of sergeant, which was | f their choice, |
| 32. 50X1 | Zamberk /N 50-06, were not known | nale career NCO's received their band E 16-287. Length and details of Upon completion of basic | such training training, the |
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| 34. | those worn by the | the Czechoslovak Air Force had uni e male career NCO's except that the ere not issued leather overcoats. | forms similar t ey wore skirts |
| 35• | | D's stationed at Brno-Slatina airba arate unit, but were part of sever | |
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ANNEX:

A. Personal Identification Card (Prukazka)

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